BEFORE THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2010120250

ORDER GRANTING DISTRICT'S PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE

On January 25, 2011, District filed a peremptory challenge to disqualify Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Eileen Cohn from presiding at the due process hearing.

A party is entitled to one peremptory challenge (disqualification without cause) to an ALJ assigned to an Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) hearing. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subds. (a) & (b); Gov. Code, § 11425.40, subd. (d).) In no event will a peremptory challenge be allowed if it is made after the hearing has commenced. In addition, if at the time of a scheduled prehearing conference, an ALJ has been assigned to the Hearing, any challenge to the assigned ALJ shall be made no later than commencement of that prehearing conference. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subd. (c).) A peremptory challenge is not allowed on reconsideration or remand, and cannot be made after a hearing has begun. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subd. (a).)

Student's peremptory challenge is timely made and is granted pursuant to Government section 11425.40, subdivisions (a) and (d), and California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 1034, subdivision (c). A new ALJ will be assigned.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 25, 2011

/s

RICHARD T. BREEN
Presiding Administrative Law Judge (acting)
Office of Administrative Hearings